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THOUGHTS *on the Effects of* POPERY *continued.*

IN a Proteſtant Land every Papiſt knows it his own Intereſt, or, at leaſt, the Intereſt of his Church, to *appear* in Colours which *are not* his own;—— the Sons of *Rome* are likewiſe ſenſible, that where they have not an Opportunity openly to diſplay their Doctrines, and to exercise their Diſcipline with Safety, a Maſk is the more eaſily kept on, as it cannot be dropp'd without the utmoſt Danger to themſelves, and the Cauſe they are ever buſy to promote; and where Unreſtrain'd Popery is happily unknown, the leſs wary and the Vulgar may more eaſily be lull'd into a Belief, that the Mildneſs and Charity they affect, the better to accompliſh their Deſigns, is the Reſult of the Religious Doctrines they recommend; while a little Acquaintance with Hiſtory, and the preſent State of too great a Part of *Europe*, would ſufficiently prove, that *Mercy* and the *Views of Rome* are not to be reconciled; and that her *awkard Meekneſs*, like a Crocodile's Tears, was ever calculated to deceive and to deſtroy.

In *Italy*, *Portugal*, and *Spain*, the melancholy Effects of UNDISGUISED POPERY are too evident, to be denied by the moſt zealous Bigot: And of this the Churchmen on thoſe unhappy Countries are ſo ſenſible, that, as in the *Benefits* reſulting to Society from their Labours they cannot rely, their whole Confidence is placed in an Authority aſſumed over the *Thoughts* and *Actions* of the oppreſſed Laity, who, deprived of the Natural Right of a *Free Choice*, are *compelled* to join in a Profeſſion of Religion, which however repugnant to their Private Judgment, they dare not venture to *diſpute*, without Hazard of Suffering too *abſolute* and too *cruel* for the Puniſhment of *Murder*, *Parricide*, or the moſt *complicated Offence* againſt *Virtue*, *Nature*, or *Humanity*.

From this *dark*, this *inhuman Source* muſt be traced the Uniformity of Opinion that overſpreads the Countries where the Church of *Rome* rears her tremendous Head——from an involutary Force to *profeſs* what the Natives are not at Liberty to *diſpute*.—— Under ſuch Circumſtances, it is no way ſtrange to find the Governors of a Nation *agreed*; for where it is fatal to diſſent, *few* will be poſſeſſed of Virtue and Reſolution enough to contradict: And to this we may attribute the ſlow Advance made by the Reformed Doctrines, where the Power of *Rome* is eſtabliſh'd, eſpecially where that is ſupported by the bloody Daughter of her Vengeance, the INQUISITION;—and in Countries where that Religious Tyranny is ſubmitted to, the *Laity* are certain to ſuffer as ſevere Invaſion of their Civil Liberties, and Natural Temporal Rights; for where the Religious Liberties of a People are ſwallowed up by the Church, the Crown will not fail to *aſſume* an Arbitrary Dominion over their Temporalities:—— Since *Popery* and *Arbitrary Government* become inſeparable Companions, and whoever *receives* the one, muſt inevitably *ſubmit* to the other.—— In the unhappy Realms where that is done, numerous are the Inſtances of the People's Oppreſſion, tho' none dare ſhake the Yoke.——While in Nations where *Reaſon* is regarded, and the Principles of *Liberty* are ſuffered to prevail, as the dire Effects of Popery will never be permitted to appear, the Incendiary Friends of Papal Tyranny may venture to diſguiſe their dark Purpoſes and the Views they are directed to purſue; and while we are happily free from the *open* Calamities of the dangerous Tenets, Perſons not ſufficiently guarded againſt the artful Sophiſtry of her aſſiduous Emiſſaries, may more eaſily be deluded into a Byaſs to her Doctrines; while the Knowledge of her real Principles, and the Practices of her moſt zealous Adherents, would be a ſufficient Preſervative againſt the numerous Evils that attend the Eſtabliſhment of her Authority.

The Argument moſt generally made Uſe of to create a Diſlike for the Doctrines of the Reformation, and thereby to open Way for the Errors of *Rome*, is the ANTIQUITY of what they call the *Catholick Church*, and the ſuppoſed Novelty of the Principles held by thoſe Profeſſors that boaſt a Reformation; to enforce which it is generally inſiſted, with more Artifice than Truth, that all the Authority of the Church of *England* is *derived* from *Rome*, and that thereby the Authority of *Rome* is confeſſed, while the Submiſſion that ought to be conſequent of ſuch Authority is refuſed her.

To this it is eaſily reply'd; That *Rome* never had a juſt Title to more Authority than was agreeable to the *Goſpel Scheme* of Chriſtianity: And *that much* every Church, founded upon the excellent Doctrines of the Great Author of the Chriſtian Religion, has a Right to take *from Scripture*; not, as the Papiſts are fond of phraſing it, from the Light of *Tradition*:—— And when we conſider, that the ſame Fountain of Knowledge is now open, from whence the Doctrines of *Rome*, *before corrupted*, were drawn, it will evidently appear, that, properly ſpeaking, nothing can remain to be borrow'd from *Rome*, of ſufficient Authority for *Imitation*;—— what remains peculiar to her, not owing its Origin to Scripture, but to Decrees of the Papal See, or Councils actuated by the ſame Motives.—For we owe not the Knowledge of our Duties to the Deity, to our Neighbour, and to ourſelves, to the Increaſe of *Romiſh* Tenets; nor, during a Courſe of Sixteen hundred Years, has *one* Moral Virtue been the Care of the moſt zealous and moſt virtuous Defenders of the *Romiſh* Church; the Hiſtories, written by Papiſts themſelves, being wholly ſilent upon *theſe* Topicks; while frequent and tedious are the Details given of the careful Toils of the Heads of the *Romiſh* Church, relating to Matters of which no Traces are to be met with in Scripture, no Foundation to be diſcovered in Wiſdom nor Common Senſe. On the Decrees of the boaſted Succeſſor of St. *Peter* have the innumerable Abſurdities that eat up the Vitals of Religion been founded; and when all *Chriſtendom* was paying a blind Adoration to the Ghoſtly Fathers of the Church, from a blind Perſuaſion of its being their Duty, theſe *Objects of their Adoration* were ſo far from attempting an Imitation of the great Apoſtles they pretended to ſucceed, that we find one buſying himſelf inſtituting the *Kiſſing of the Pax*; another in ſtruggling to *raiſe the Papal Power above the Imperial Authority*; one rendered himſelf remarkable by adding *Red Hats to the Cardinals*, another by ordaining the Order of the *Flagellantes*; one in *dethroning a King*, another in *making an Emperor*; and all this under the Plea of Authority from Him who declared his Kingdom *was not of this World*; tho', from the Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory of *Rome*, it does not appear the Heads of *that Church* acted with a View to any other.

It is greatly ſurpriſing, that the aſſiduous Emiſſaries of *Rome* in the Dominions of *Great Britain* frequently miſlead the Unwary, by inſinuating the certain Efficacy of her *Pardons* and *Abſolutions* in Caſes where other Communities offer no ſuch *ſeeming Relief* to an afflicted Mind; but, alaſs! how weak muſt the Man be, who, after the Opportunities for Knowledge enjoyed under a Government where Thought ſuffers no Reſtraint, (but what a neceſſary Regard for Society requires) can be brought to imagine the Will of Heaven open to the Prayers or Oblations of ſuch as are influenced only by the mean Views of temporal Advantages, and whoſe Favour and Interceſſion can be obtained only by Conſiderations in their very Natures *inconſiſtent* with the Purpoſes for which they are ſcandalouſly required: To a Mind poſſeſſed of one Spark of native Freedom, and that Contempt of Tyranny inſeparable from a generous Breaſt, how ſhocking muſt it be, to behold the Men who ſtop not to aſſume the Imitation of a Power only Heaven can hold, fall ſo far ſhort of a *Likeneſs* of the Divine Nature, as to hide, under the Maſk of Sanctity, every Vice that the moſt Depraved can be guilty of; and while they pretend to diſpoſe the Favour of Heaven to others, are themſelves abandon'd to a Conduct incompatible with Reaſon and common Humanity; and who, while they point out a Road for others Happineſs, are themſelves engaged in every dark Machination of Fraud and Sedition, and borrowing the Help of every Means of Deceit to confound Men in their Ideas of Religion; not that they may be more devout, but more bigotted: Not with Deſign of improving their Judgments, by the Uſe of Reaſon and Penetration, but to cloud their Underſtandings with a blind Confidence in thoſe who ſubſiſt only by the Ignorance and blind Zeal of their Adherents.

This is only *one* of the *many* Abſurdities held by the Church of *Rome*: But the whole Tendency of her Doctrines are ſo repugnant to the Sublimity of the Goſpel-Precepts, to the Candor which all Men ought to exerciſe to each other, and to that extenſive Charity which is the diſtinguiſhing Mark of true Religion, that whoever miſtakes *Popery* for CHRISTIANITY, muſt not only be deaf to the Voice of Reaſon and Humanity, but blind to the plain Senſe of the generous Sentiments inculcated by the Divine Author of the Chriſtian Faith: in whoſe Doctrines are to be found the moſt beneficent, the moſt merciful, and, in all reſpects, the moſt generous Principles, that ever bleſs'd Mankind.—— Whereas in the Popiſh Tenets nothing is to be ſeen but the *Force* of *Superſtition*, the *Violence* of *Deluſion*, the *Reſtraint* which only *Error* finds neceſſary, and that Diſregard and Contempt for others, which are never to be found where Truth and Virtue meet Regard, but are the certain Indications of *Prejudice* and *Bigotry*, of unthinking Zeal, unbounded Rage, and wild, unbridled Ambition.

ALG. SIDNEY.

Dreſden, May 1. *N. S.*

MR. Finch the Britiſh Envoy is arriv'd here in his Way to Petersbourg. The Weather here is ſtill very ſevere, and the Peaſants are reduced to Extremity; Forrage is terribly dear, ſo that 60 little Bundles of Straw are ſold for 6 or 7 German Crowns; ſuch a cruel Seaſon in ſhort was never ſeen.

Hanover, May 6. N. S. Two Baggage Waggons are ſent from hence for Caſſel for the Uſe of Prince Frederick of Heſſe, and by the King's Order ſeveral Saddle-horſes are to be ſent thither as a Preſent to him from his Majeſty. Orders are gone to Holland to have Relays of Horſes ready to carry the Princeſs Mary to Caſſel. 'Tis reported, that an Order will ſhortly be publiſh'd to ſuppreſs Luxury in this Electorate, and to forbid all Perſons except the Nobility to wear Gold or Silver Lace on their Cloaths. The Regency leaves no Stone unturn'd to relieve the Miſery of the Country People.

Aleppo in Syria, Feb. 20. By a Caravan from Erezerum we are inform'd, that Kouli Kan has forbid the Exportation of Silk, that it may be all employ'd in the Fabricks of his own Country. The Baſha of this City having order'd all the European Merchants to make uſe of no Agent for their Trade but one of his own Creatures, they have ſent a Complaint againſt it to Conſtantinople, and 'tis not doubted but the Porte will order the Baſha to recede from this Innovation.

St. Croix in Barbary, March 25. King Muley Abdallah, who is gone to Morocco there to be proclaim'd King, has upon this Occaſion releas'd ſeveral Chriſtian Slaves; for he expreſſes a very great Regard in all Caſes for the Europeans, and has reſolv'd to ſend Miniſters to the European Powers to renew thoſe Treaties with them which were formerly concluded by the late Emperor Muley Iſmael his Father.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, May 5. Wind N. Remains the St. George, Hart, for Lisbon; the St. John, Moore, for Portſmouth. Arrived and remains the Lydia, Allen, from Philadelphia.

Graveſend, May 5. Paſſed by the Duke of Kingſton, Merriton, from Boulogne; and the Succeſs, Hartley, from Stockholm.

Arrived at ſeveral Ports.

At Maryland, the Peggy, Wills, from London.

At Topſham, the ———, Lee, from Bilbao.

At Bilbao, the St. Joſeph, Ducrabon, from Dunkirk.

LONDON.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, May 6. Yeſterday Notice was ſent from the Lord Chamberlain's Office to the Nobility and Gentry, that there will be a Drawing-Room at St. James's on Thurſday next at Seven o'Clock in the Evening, the Eſpouſals of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Mary to Prince Frederick of Heſſe, being then to be ſolemnized in the Royal Chapel there.

Two Dutch Frigates, of about 20 Guns each, hired by the Spaniards, loaded with Merchandize at Cadiz (and having on Board a New Viceroy of Mexico) ſailed from thence about the End of March for La Vera Crux, in Company with a Dutch

of War of 60 Guns, who was to see them Part of the Way.

The ——, Capt. Botley, bound from London for Newcastle, is ashore within three Miles to the Eastward of Calais.

This Day the Six following Malefactors are to be executed at Tyburn, viz.

John Sawney, condemn'd last February, for a Street Robbery.

Thomas Clements, the Butcher of Clare-market, for the Murder of William Warren.

John Hyde, for robbing William Austin on the Highway.

John Moor, for robbing Mr. Freeman on Hounslow-heath.

Joseph Parker, for returning from Transportation.

John Singleton, for picking the Pocket of Henry Lambton, Esq; of a Gold Watch and Seal.

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For by the Blessing of God, they make a perfect Cure either on Old or Young, in a very little Time, and for a small Charge, without any Pain to, or Confinement of the Patient; one Parcel is generally sufficient for a compleat Cure, especially on a young Person.

Many Hundreds of all Ages and Sexes have been cured by them, which occasioned this Publication, for the Good of the Publick, that all such unhappy People may be delivered from the Charge and Slavery of always wearing Trusses.

The World might have had many Certificates of Cures on Persons of all Ages, from Children of a few Months old to grown Persons of 60 Years or upwards; but they, People are naturally averse to let it be known, that they ever had such an Infirmity: Yet Mr. Sandwell can satisfy any Inquirer of the Validity of what is here said, tho' he has not had such large Knowledge, by reason of the short Time he has sold 'em, as they from whom the Medicines are now, for good Reasons, removed.

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